

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 13-18 and 21-24 have been cancelled and claims 19 and 20 have been amended to form independent claims by incorporating the limitations of claims 13 and 18. Thus, only claims 19 and 20 which were not rejected in the Office Action mailed December 30, 2008 remain pending.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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